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Dear Medicaid Client,

Soon several Medicaid programs and services will be reduced or limited. These service reductions will effect **clients on Traditional Medicaid only**. Clients on Non-Traditional Medicaid or the Primary Care Network programs will not be effected by these reductions. Look at your Medicaid cards to see which program you are on. These changes apply to Medicaid clients enrolled in HMOs as well.

Service Reductions - Beginning January 15, 2003, the following programs or services are not covered for adults with Traditional Medicaid coverage. These reductions do not apply to Medicaid clients who are pregnant or who are under age 21.

- **Vision Care services** which includes examinations and eyeglass services.
- **Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy services.**
- **Targeted Case Management Services** for the following programs:
 - Homeless
 - H.I.V./AIDS
 - Tuberculosis

Co-payment Increases - Beginning February 1, 2003, traditional Medicaid clients who have had co-payments in the past, will see the following co-payment increases:

- **Pharmacy** co-payments will increase from \$1 per prescription to \$3 per prescription. There is a \$15 out-of-pocket maximum per month.
- **Physician, Osteopath, and Podiatrist** co-payments will increase from \$2 per visit to \$3 per visit. This includes visits to Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Centers (RHC).

We regret these changes. These changes are needed because of shortfalls in the Medicaid budget resulting from significant caseload increases. If you have questions or need further clarification please call **Medicaid information line at: 1-800-662-9651**.